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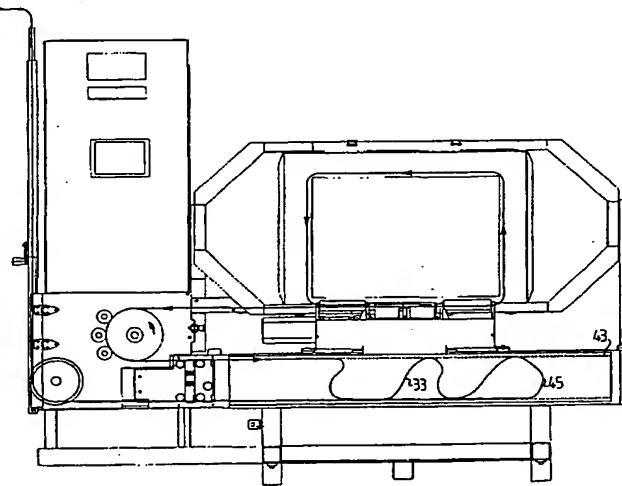
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(54) Title: **BINDING DEVICE**



(57) Abstract: A binding device for binding wire (12) round pulp bales (13), which wire has a diameter (D) and is taken from a wire magazine. The binding device comprises a feed means (20) for feeding and stretching the wire, a guide means (14) for guiding the wire round the bale (13) during the feeding, means (17) for cutting off the stretched wire and twisting together the wire ends, and a wire take-up unit (34) for taking up the wire loop (33) obtained at the stretching of the wire. The take-up unit (35) comprises a longitudinal wire take-up space (34), which in cross-section has a substantially rectangular shape with short sides (48, 49) and long sides (50, 51) formed by walls (40, 41). The distance between the long sides (50, 51) is adapted to the diameter (D) of the wire, so that the wire cannot lie double. The distance between the short sides (48, 49) is such that the wire there between can form a loop without being folded. The wire take-up space (34) has at one of the short sides (48, 49) a wider portion in the form of a wire guide space (43) intended to receive the re-fed wire at the stretching of the wire.

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